

CLAIMS

1. A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising:
a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;
a pneumatic trigger; and
an elongated shaft connecting said trigger to said scribe.
2. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said scribe is proximate a first distal end of said shaft and said trigger is proximate a second distal end of said shaft.
3. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said stylus is pneumatically actuated.
4. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft is substantially hollow.
5. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft contains a pneumatic passageway.
6. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft provides a pneumatic passageway.
7. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft supports a pneumatic passageway.
8. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow.
9. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.
10. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.
11. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.
12. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.
13. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 12 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

14. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable.

15. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

16. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

17. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

18. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

19. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

20. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 19 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

21. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway.

22. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

23. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

24. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

25. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

26. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

27. The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 26 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

28. A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising:

a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;

a pneumatic trigger; and

means for connecting said trigger to said scribe.

29. A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising:

a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal, and

a pneumatic trigger in pneumatic communication with said scribe.

30. A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising:

a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal, and

pneumatic means for vibrating said stylus.

31. A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal.

32. A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising pneumatic means for vibrating a stylus against a skin of an animal.

33. A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:

a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising:

i) a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;

ii) a pneumatic trigger; and

iii) an elongated shaft connecting said trigger to said scribe; and

b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.

34. The system of Claim 33 wherein said source provides pressurized or compressed gas.

35. The system of Claim 33 wherein said source provides pressurized or compressed gas to said prod.

36. The system of Claim 33 wherein said source provides pressurized or compressed gas to said prod in order to vibrate said stylus.

37. The system of Claim 33 wherein said source provides pressurized or compressed gas to said prod in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

38. The system of Claim 37 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

39. The system of Claim 33 further comprising a pneumatic hose connecting said prod to said source.

40. The system of Claim 33 wherein said source is remote from said prod.

41. The system of Claim 33 wherein said source comprises a compressor.

42. The system of Claim 33 wherein said source comprises a compressor from a slaughterhouse.

43. The system of Claim 33 wherein said source is transportable.

44. The system of Claim 33 wherein said source comprises one or more wheels for transport.

45. The system of Claim 33 wherein said scribe is proximate a first distal end of said shaft and said trigger is proximate a second distal end of said shaft.

46. The system of Claim 33 wherein said stylus is pneumatically actuated.

47. The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft is substantially hollow.

48. The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft contains a pneumatic passageway.

49. The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft provides a pneumatic passageway.

50. The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft supports a pneumatic passageway.

51. The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

52. The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

53. The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

54. The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

55. The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

56. The system of Claim 55 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

57. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable.

58. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

59. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

60. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

61. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

62. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

63. The system of Claim 62 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

64. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway.

65. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

66. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

67. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

68. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

69. The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

70. The system of Claim 69 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

71. A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising:
 - i) a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;
 - ii) a pneumatic trigger; and
 - iii) means for connecting said trigger to said scribe; and
- b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.

72. A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising:
 - i) a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal, and
 - ii) a pneumatic trigger in pneumatic communication with said scribe; and
- b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.

73. A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising:
 - i) a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;
 - ii) pneumatic means for vibrating said stylus; and
- b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.

74. A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal; and
- b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.

75. A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising pneumatic means for vibrating a stylus against a skin of an animal; and
- b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.

76. A method for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) providing a vibrating livestock prod having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;
- b) vibrating said stylus with gas from a pneumatic source; and
- c) contacting said animal with said stylus.

77. The method of Claim 76 wherein said prod comprises a pneumatic scribe.

78. The method of Claim 77 wherein said scribe comprises said stylus.

79. The method of Claim 76 wherein said stylus is pneumatically actuated.

80. The method of Claim 76 wherein vibrating said stylus comprises actuating a trigger to vibrate said stylus.

81. The method of Claim 76 wherein said gas is pressurized or compressed.

82. The method of Claim 76 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

83. The method of Claim 76 wherein said source is remote from said prod.

84. The method of Claim 76 wherein said source comprises a compressor.

85. The method of Claim 76 wherein said source comprises a compressor from a slaughterhouse.

86. The method of Claim 76 wherein said source is transportable.

87. The method of Claim 76 wherein said source comprises one or more wheels for transport.

88. A method for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) providing a vibrating livestock prod having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;
- b) providing a pneumatic source connected to said prod;
- c) vibrating said stylus with gas from said source; and
- d) contacting said animal with said stylus.

89. The method of Claim 88 wherein said prod comprises a pneumatic scribe.

90. The method of Claim 89 wherein said scribe comprises said stylus.

91. The method of Claim 88 wherein said stylus is pneumatically actuated.

92. The method of Claim 88 wherein vibrating said stylus comprises actuating a trigger to vibrate said stylus.

93. The method of Claim 88 wherein said gas is pressurized or compressed.

94. The method of Claim 88 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

95. The method of Claim 88 wherein said source is remote from said prod.

96. The method of Claim 88 wherein said source comprises a compressor.

97. The method of Claim 88 wherein said source comprises a compressor from a slaughterhouse.

98. The method of Claim 88 wherein said source is transportable.

99. The method of Claim 88 wherein said source comprises one or more wheels for transport.

100. A method for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) providing a vibrating livestock prod having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;
- b) providing a pneumatic source;
- c) providing a pneumatic hose for connecting said prod to said source;
- d) vibrating said stylus with gas from said source; and
- e) contacting said animal with said stylus.

101. The method of Claim 100 wherein said prod comprises a pneumatic scribe.

102. The method of Claim 100 wherein said scribe comprises said stylus.

103. The method of Claim 100 wherein said stylus is pneumatically actuated.

104. The method of Claim 100 wherein vibrating said stylus comprises actuating a trigger to vibrate said stylus.

105. The method of Claim 100 wherein said gas is pressurized or compressed.

106. The method of Claim 100 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

107. The method of Claim 100 wherein said source is remote from said prod.

108. The method of Claim 100 wherein said source comprises a compressor.

109. The method of Claim 100 wherein said source comprises a compressor from a slaughterhouse.

110. The method of Claim 100 wherein said source is transportable.

111. The method of Claim 100 wherein said source comprises one or more wheels for transport.

112. A method for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) providing a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising:
 - i) a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal; and
 - ii) a pneumatic trigger;
- b) vibrating said stylus with gas from a pneumatic source; and
- c) contacting said animal with said stylus.

113. The method of Claim 112 wherein vibrating said stylus comprises actuating said trigger to vibrate said stylus.

114. The method of Claim 112 wherein said trigger is in pneumatic communication with said scribe.

115. The method of Claim 112 wherein said prod further comprises an elongated shaft connecting said trigger to said scribe.

116. The method of Claim 112 wherein said prod further comprises means for connecting said trigger to said scribe.

117. The method of Claim 112 wherein said prod further comprises pneumatic means for vibrating said stylus.

118. A method for motivating animal movement, comprising:

- a) providing a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic means for vibrating a stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;
- b) vibrating said stylus; and
- c) contacting said animal with said stylus.

119. The method of Claim 118 wherein vibrating said stylus comprises vibrating said stylus with said pneumatic means.

120. The method of Claim 118 wherein vibrating said stylus comprises actuating a trigger to vibrate said stylus.

121. The method of Claim 118 wherein a trigger is in pneumatic communication with said stylus.

122. The method of Claim 118 wherein said prod further comprises an elongated shaft connecting a trigger to said stylus.

123. The method of Claim 118 wherein said prod further comprises means for connecting a trigger to said stylus.

124. A method for motivating animal movement, comprising pneumatically vibrating a stylus against a skin of an animal.